

## MURRAY IS NAMED AS REGISTRAR

Appointed Under Act of Last Legislature  
and Will Select Assistants; Vacan-  
cies in Democratic Central  
Committee are Filled

## MELTON EXPLAINS REGISTRATION LAW

Measure Not Understood; Main Purpose  
is to Promote Honesty in Elections;  
Equal Opportunity for All  
Veterans Assured

The county central committee of the Democratic party assembled in Chickasha, at the county court house Saturday afternoon, being called to order by Chairman L. C. Hutson, with W. W. Clark presiding at the secretary's desk.

With the regular routine business taken up in regular order, the following vacancies upon the committee were filled: S. L. Newman, in place of Ike Cloud, precinct 1, ward 6; H. Minnette, in place of L. C. Hutson, precinct 2, ward 4; Neal Foster, in place of Vic Hulen, Ball Park; A. H. Gibson, in place of J. D. Bryan, Midaleberg; W. F. Draffen, in place of Mr. Fatheree, Washington precinct.

Chairman Hutson announced the appointment of Bob Murray as county registrar and stated that Mr. Murray would appoint all precinct registrars. Alger Melton, chairman of the state Democratic committee, appeared before the committee and explained the different portions of the new election law.

It was agreed that the precinct meetings of the county's democracy should be held during the afternoon of Saturday, March 25, and that the delegates returned at the precinct meetings should meet in Chickasha during the afternoon of Saturday, April 1, meeting in the auditorium of the city hall.

It was further decided that the original plan of one delegate for every 20 votes cast for R. L. Williams for governor of Oklahoma should be carried out.

Following the regular business interesting addresses along democratic lines and commendatory of the policies of President Wilson were delivered by Alger Melton, N. M. Williams and a number of others.

When the question arose as to where the convention should assemble, it was stated that the district court would be in session on the day and date set aside for holding the convention, thereby barring the convention from that portion of the court house.

Mayor Coffman of the city of Chickasha appeared before the committee and, on behalf of the city, tendered the use of the auditorium of the city hall.

Mr. Coffman stated that at the time he was speaking the republicans of the county were assembled in the city hall's auditorium and said that he felt the city would be glad to extend the same courtesy to the democrats; that the city hall belonged to the people of the city, irrespective of party affiliations and that inasmuch as the republicans of the county had been welcome to assemble therein he hoped the democrats of the county would honor the city by also meeting in that place.

With thanks the offer of the mayor was accepted and the committee stood adjourned, subject to call of the chairman.

In the course of his remarks, in addressing the members of the committee, Alger Melton, in referring to the new election law as enacted by the recent session of the legislature, said:

"There has been much criticism of the registration law. This criticism comes from either those who do not understand it, or from those who purposely misconstrue its provisions, because they can never, at any time or under any circumstances, see any good in Democratic legislation.

"The main purposes of this law are to insure honest and fair elections both primary and general, by making it particularly impossible for persons who are not qualified electors to vote at any election in the state and to regulate the registration of

voters that the Democratic nominees will be nominated by Democrats and the Republican nominees by Republicans.

"A person who is not registered can not vote, and if a person is registered as a Democrat, he can vote no ticket in the primary election except the ticket for Democratic nominees. The same applies to Republicans and Socialists—they will not be permitted to vote in the primary elections the Democratic ballot, nor for persons who are candidates for nomination to office on the Democratic ticket.

"The duty of precinct registrars, under the act, is to see that every qualified voter in his precinct is registered. It is the duty of the voter to register and it is the duty of the registrar to see that the voter is registered. Registrars should make special effort to register every qualified voter. The question is not whether a person is a Democrat, Republican, Socialist or Independent, but the question with the registrar should be whether the person is a qualified elector, and if so the registrar should see that he is registered, regardless of politics.

"In appointing precinct registrars, men should be secured who will see that every voter in his precinct registers under this law. When a voter registers and continues to reside in his precinct and does not change his politics he never registers again. His original certificate remains good.

"In my opinion, when the people understand the provisions of this registration system it will be the most popular legislation ever enacted in this state."

## ROAD MATTER BEFORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The board of county commissioners met this morning for the purpose of canvassing finally the Lucile road matter, and for the further purpose of listening to a number of other road matters which may come before the body. The Lucile road matter has been hanging fire for a number of months, having been repeatedly brought before the board of county commissioners, only to be referred back to the township board. It is thought this time the matter is in such shape that final disposition may be made of it this afternoon.

## OHIO SUFFERS PLAN FIGHT

By United Press.  
Columbus, O., March 20.—Ohio suffragists, bent on vengeance for the pigeon-holing by the congressional judiciary committee of the Susan B. Anthony national suffrage amendment, met here today. Women representing each of Ohio's 22 congressional districts announced the following plan:

To resurrect the Anthony amendment and force a vote in congress through pressure on every Ohio congressman. To boost membership of the Ohio suffrage organization to 500,000. Suffrage leaders here today claim that when their organization reaches a membership of 500,000 they will submit another amendment for suffrage in Ohio. The organization now numbers about 300,000. Leaders said that if they can get the half-million members needed, an amendment for state suffrage will be submitted next fall, although it was decided in convention recently to wait another year before trying again.

## WARDROBE IS BURNED.

Saturday afternoon during the absence of the family, fire was discovered at the residence of H. C. Roberts, 328 South Fifth street. The quick run of the fire department resulted in subduing the flames before material damage was done. The building, belonging to J. G. Mayes was damaged in the sum of \$50, while Mr. and Mrs. Roberts lost about \$150 worth of clothing. Rats and matches are thought to have caused the fire.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.  
Tonight, fair warmer; Tues. day, fair.  
Local Temperature.  
During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:  
Maximum, 75 degrees.  
Minimum, 41 degrees.

## REPULSE OF RUSSIANS REPORTED

Attack of Slavs on Hindenburg's Lines  
in Vilna Region is Met by Mur-  
derous Fire of German  
Machine Guns

## SUBMARINE BASE IS RAIDED BY AIRMEN

Sixty-five Machines Participate and Safely  
Return; French Beat Back Infantry  
Attack on Pepper Heights;  
Serb Losses Stupendous

By United Press.  
LONDON, March 20.—With the waning of the German offensive at Verdun, interest centers in the Russian attack on the Austrian and German fronts.

Dispatches today said the Germans met the charge of the Russians along a sixty-five mile front, on Marshal von Hindenburg's lines in the Vilna region, with a stream of machine gun fire, repulsing the Russians, with casualties totaling 20,000.

Air battles continue to feature the fighting along the western front. Two sky fleets, it is reported, clashed in the upper Alsace region in a spectacular battle. Four French machines and three German craft dropped during the course of the fighting.

## Sub. Base is Attacked.

By United Press.  
LONDON, March 20.—Sixty-five aeroplanes, reports today say, attacked the German submarine base off Ceeburg, Belgium, and also enemy works at Houlaide. Considerable damage is said to have been done.

All of the allied planes returned from the raid safely, it was announced.

The total number of deaths in yesterday's air raid on the east British coast by Germans is now placed at eleven.

## Verdun Fighting.

By United Press.  
PARIS, March 20.—The French repulsed a German infantry attack on Pepper Heights, four miles north of Verdun, it was announced by the war office today.

Violent cannonading west of Dead Man hill was reported.

## Attempt to Assassinate.

By United Press.  
PARIS, March 20.—A Bulgarian named Ivanhoff attempted to assassinate Premier Radoslavoff at Sofia, according to dispatches today.

## Loss Nearly Million.

By United Press.  
ROME, March 20.—Serbia has lost nearly a million of her population in battle and from starvation and the typhus epidemic and the remaining four million are facing starvation.

The heads of the Serbian govern-

ment are starting on a tour of the allied capitals to secure relief through military action.

## German Report.

By United Press.  
BERLIN, March 20.—The war office reported today that French attacks around Fort Donau and the village of Vaux were repulsed, the French suffering heavy losses.

## Two Steamers Sunk.

By United Press.  
LONDON, March 20.—The British steamer Port Dalhousie and the Norwegian steamer Langell were sunk with the loss of several lives. The cause is unknown.

## TAGGART IS GIVEN TOGA

By United Press.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 20.—Tom Taggart, Democratic politician was today appointed U. S. senator, to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Senator Shively.

Taggart has been prominent for many years as one of the leaders of his party in Indiana. He represents the wing of his party in the state that has been vigorously opposed by W. J. Bryan.

## FAMOUS PIANIST IS COMING TO COLLEGE

One of the most famous pianists in America will soon be heard in Chickasha under the auspices of the O. C. W. Prof. Rudolph Richter, director of music at the college, writes the following announcement:

"It has been my pleasure to have heard and to have known Mr. Edward Baxter Perry, for many years. He will be with us in Chickasha on March 30th and I can assure the people of Chickasha that a rare treat is in store for them, if they will attend the lecture-recital by Mr. Perry at that time. He has a way of explaining the pieces to his audiences that will be very interesting and especially so to the music student. Mr. Perry has spared no pains to find out the ideas expressed in the compositions of the different composers and his skill in representing their ideas to the audience is almost marvelous. He plays with depth and poetical feeling that will appeal to anybody with a spark of music in his or her soul. All that is required of the listener is attention and the meaning of the composer will be clear. The people of Chickasha will have a chance to listen to high class music and have it explained to them in such a way that they will understand and enjoy it. The price for admission has been made purposely so low by the management of the O. C. W. that everybody should make us of the opportunity to listen to a first class artist."

## U. D. C. TO MEET TOMORROW

The U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. Lester, 14th and Chickasha avenue, Tuesday afternoon. Business of importance is to come before the chapter. Every member is requested to be present.

## EL RENO IS FIELD OF FIGHTING

Battle Between McGraw and Harris Fac-  
tions is Continued in Congressional  
Convention; Final Bout at  
Capital Wednesday

## GRADY COUNTY CLASH IS BRIEF AND BRISK

Steam Roller is Well Lubricated and Works  
to Perfection; McGrawites are in  
Saddle From Start to  
Finish

El Reno is today the fighting ground of the McGraw and Harris factions of the Republican party, the Sixth district congressional district convention being in progress there. A number of local G. O. P. leaders left yesterday afternoon for the scene of operations. The convention will elect delegates to the national convention and is expected to go on record for Harris or McGraw for national committeeman.

McGraw supporters claim that 50% delegates are pledged to their chief, while the Harris men assert that they have 542 committed to "Big Jim." The finish of the battle will come Wednesday when the state convention is held in Oklahoma City.

It was on a quiet Saturday that the Grady county cohorts of the Harris and McGraw clans assembled at the city hall in Chickasha. The roller first began to puff when the signs were nailed on the doors of the council chamber and the mayor's office, on the first floor, announcing that in the Harris faction and in the latter the McGraws.

"To top that with headquarters," said the McGraw clan, "let's get busy." And busy they got. In ones and twos and sixes and sevens until about fifty, including the clans of both the Harris and the McGraw, one Democratic postmaster, one Democratic reporter and one solitary unbiased American had assembled.

Just as the clock was on the stroke of 1:55, Judge Hamilton and W. W. Hollister of the Harris clan, with a heave and an all-together, bodily lifted from its moorings upon the floor of the lobby a four-legged table and planted it firmly on the rostrum.

Round one: first blood for Harris. Time, 2 seconds.

Meeting called to order by Chairman A. Haight of the Republican central committee, who stated the object.

Round two, Draw. Time, 15 minutes. Some close infighting in this round.

Resolution by Hamilton, seconded by some one else that J. W. Kayser appoint one teller and Hollister the other to keep tab on vote given temporary chairman.

Resolution carried. Overlooked by chairman. Round three, thus becoming through inadvertence a McGraw

round. Time, three minutes and forty seconds.

For temporary chairman, Hamilton nominated Coyle; T. H. Dwyer nominated by Humphrey. This brought round four to a close after some oratory had been split. Draw. Time several minutes.

Round five opened with some lively balloting. However, when the vote reached the point which showed 32 for Dwyer and 18 for Hamilton, Hamilton, in the "interests of harmony," moved that the nomination of Dwyer be made unanimous. McGraw round with Harris groggy.

Round six was uneventful and closed with the selection of Earl Carney and C. B. March as secretaries of the convention.

Chairman Dwyer wasted no time in the matter of round six and appointed committees in one, two, three order.

Round seven witnessed the naming of the delegates after the rank and file were assured that there would be delegates enough named to afford every loyal son of the G. O. P. in Grady county an opportunity of going to either the El Reno convention or the Oklahoma City convention.

During the interim between rounds seven and eight, while the clans were getting their breath, both sides got together and endorsed the candidacy of Myron Humphrey for delegates to the national Republican convention.

Round eight left Harris groggy when the delegates were nominated. While this round was undoubtedly a McGraw round, yet the gladiator seemed too well spent to avail himself of the opportunity of pasting his opponent on the solar plexus. Time was called with an uninstrued delegation to the conventions.

"Toot, toot," spake the steam roller. "Speech; Dwyer, Dwyer," shouted the ringside.

The following were chosen delegates to the Oklahoma City and the El Reno conventions:

Delegates to the state convention, meeting in Oklahoma City, Wednesday, March 23, T. H. Dwyer, Olin Frashear, Morris Smith, M. E. Humphrey, Eugene Hamilton, R. C. Hendrick, Charles Callanan, Adolphus Clark, C. B. March, C. F. Davenport.

To the district convention at El Reno, today: W. E. Dwyer, J. W. Kayser, M. E. Humphrey, Dr. Carr, W. E. Smith, Dan Love, J. D. Sander, Paul Spinning, T. H. Dwyer, Olin Frashear, Morris Smith.

## BIRTHDAY OF BRYAN

By United Press.

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—The annual Bryan birthday banquet, given each year in honor of the former secretary of state by his friends and admirers, will be held tonight and arrangements have been made for the usual gathering. It was fifty-six years ago yesterday, in Illinois, that Bryan was born, but because the anniversary came this year on Sunday the celebration was postponed until today.

Following the banquet Mr. Bryan will make a tour of many Nebraska towns where there are local fights on the liquor question, and following this tour he will make a general campaign throughout the state as one of the chief speakers for the non-partisan anti-saloon committee on behalf of the adoption of the proposed prohibition amendment to the Nebraska constitution.

## SHERIFF LANDS LOTT IN BASTILE

Sheriff Bailey arrested Ben Lott Saturday evening and threw him in jail for assaulting one Strong, both of the African affiliation, with a brick. It seems that Lott, not of Sodom and Gomorrah fame, and Strong had an altercation about some trivial matter. When Lott began to talk razors and other kinds of death-dealing implements, Strong began to run. Lott then picked up a brick and heaved it in Strong's general direction.

The brick caught Strong in the southwest sections of his anatomy and caved in a couple of slats, putting Strong out of the running and everlastingly ruining the brick. Charges of assault and battery will possibly be lodged against Lott within the next few days.

## COUNTRY IS COMBED TO CATCH HIM

Half Dozen Detachments of Americans  
Spread Out in Casas Grandes Dis-  
trict; Indications that Villa Has  
Swung to South

## AERIAL SQUADRONS AGAIN OPERATING

Pershing Plans to Draw Cordon About  
Bandit Leader; Supplies for Troops  
Problem; Border Reports  
are Disturbing

By United Press.  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 20.—Like the spokes of a great wheel, half a dozen American detachments today are operating south and southeast of the Casas Grandes, combing the district.

It is indicated that Villa has swung to the south and east since passing Colonia Gracia and is now near Namsuapa. The colonists in the Casas Grandes district look upon the American troops as a rescuing body.

By United Press.

EL PASO, Tex., March 20.—With indications pointing to a long campaign in pursuit of Villa, far into the interior, the problem of supplying the American soldiers is uppermost in the minds of army men. The U. S. is waiting for Carranza to reply to the requests for use of the Mexican railroads.

By United Press.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 20.—Spurred on by reports that Villa is perpetrating new outrages on isolated American colonists, Gen. Pershing at the head of the combined columns of Col. Slocum and Col. Dodd, now south of the Casas Grandes base, is hoping to get into actual contact with the Villa rear guard today.

With Carranzista forces now to the west and south of Villa, it is believed that the bandit leader will be hemmed in among the Guerrero mountains.

A report from Douglas today said Villa had escaped pursuit and was safe in the Sierra Madres mountains east of Madera, but the report was not confirmed. The scouts under Gen. Gutierrez are said to have lost the trail.

The Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth colored infantry are following Gen. Pershing's trail and other troops continue to pour into Mexico, according to reports.

An aero squadron of seven machines is again operating in the foothills south of Casas Grandes.

Followed by auto trucks, the Thirtieth cavalry and the Fourth field artillery reached Casas Grandes and will support Pershing's forces in an effort to envelop the entire district with a cordon of American troops.

If Mexico consents to the use of her railroads and transportation facilities the border base will be moved to the terminus of the El Paso road. Renewed reports of trouble at Marfa and other Texas points may cause a new disposition of border troops.

## Not to Embarrass Carranza.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—The president will do nothing to embarrass Carranza. If the latter deems it advisable not to permit the use of Mexican railroads by the U. S., the president will not demand that they be turned over or take them by force. Instead other means of transportation will be devised.

## Brother of Oregon Dead.

By United Press.  
GALVESTON, Tex., March 20.—Gen. Francisco Obregon, brother of the Mexican minister, was accidentally shot and killed, according to cable advices from Mexico City.

## MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE.

J. B. Redmon, aged 30, and Miss Alta Saylor, aged 19, both of Cement, Okla., were granted a marriage license this morning by Court Clerk Newman. Judge R. E. Davenport of the county court, was called into the clerk's office and united the couple in marriage.

## MEXICAN GUERRILLAS ADVANCING UNDER COVER



Sniping and shooting from the cover of convenient brush, gullies and ravines in the Mexican hills is the kind of warfare which the United States soldiers will be compelled to face in Mexico. The picture shows a group of Villa guerrillas advancing under cover to rob and set the torch to defenseless towns.